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DECLARATION OF JOHN R. BENEFIEL

John R. Benefiel does declare that:

1. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true copy of a report of tests done on a Counter-Maid sample by OCM Laboratories which I commissioned and which confirms that the sample is made of copolymer polypropylene.

2. I have examined the Counter-Maid samples attached to the Supplemental Fishman Declaration. These samples are of flexible plastic and have a "lay flat" characteristic, and the thickness of which I have measured with a micrometer as about .009 inches thick.

3. I placed a small plastic bag containing 5 ounces of nuts and bolts on one of the samples at a distance of 10 inches from one end.

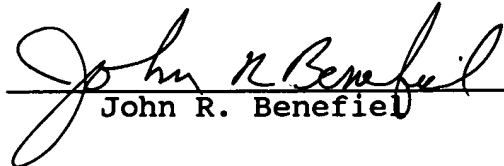
4. Upon flexing the sample into a trough shape, I was easily able to lift the sheet by holding it adjacent the one end with the weight disposed thereon at a distance of 10 inches from the one end, and transfer the same any desired distance while walking, using the flexed sheet for support.

5. Attached is a true copy of a package for the flexible mats bearing the Chop Chop trademark used by Roderick Thompson when selling the mats through Schneider Plastics, Inc.

6. Attached are true copies of Modern Plastics, Mid-November 1994; Branson Technical Information, PW-1, 4/93, and The International Plastics Selector, Inc., 1979.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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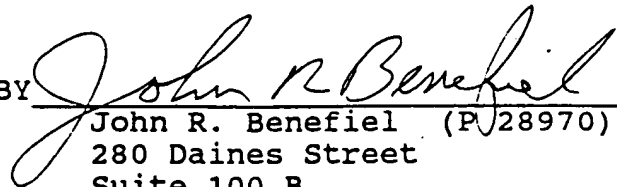
20 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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